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RELIGIOUS TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to boost religious tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified places/sites to boost religious tourism during the Tenth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b),(c) & (d): Identification, development and promotion of tourist sites/destinations is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Ministry of Tourism during the 10th Plan period has been assisting the State Governments for the development of infrastructure under its scheme of Product/Infrastructure development of tourist circuits and destinations, based on the receipt of the project proposals, merit of the project, inter- se-priority and availability of funds. The scope of the scheme also includes places/sites relating to religious tourism.